GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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JOINT SURVEY OF BORDERS BY INDIA AND PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether joint survey has been completed in the Sir Creek Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the status of the survey so conducted and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether both the countries have also agreed for a joint survey for installation of pillars on Sir Creek Khadi Border; and

(e) if so, the details and the time by when such a survey is likely to be conducted?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a), (b) and (c) Following the meeting between External Affairs Minister Shri K. Natwar Singh and Foreign Minister of Pakistan, Khurshid M. Kasuri, on September 8 2004, both sides announced their agreement to conduct a joint survey of the boundary pillars in the horizontal segment (blue dotted line) of the International Boundary in the Sir Creek Area.

During the technical meeting to discuss the modalities for carrying out the Joint Survey, held in Islamabad on December 14-15, 2004, the two sides agreed that the Joint Survey would commence from January 3, 2005.

The Joint Survey took note of position of the existing pillars. This was followed by a meeting of the two sides at Wagah from 8 -12 February 2005 where the processing of the field data collected during the joint survey, to determine the coordinates of the existing pillars, was completed.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.